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1. AS A FOLLOW UP TO OUR JUNE 18 TELEPHONE CONVERSATION REGARDING TEER'S PREQUALIFICATIONS, VIGNATI OF ITALCONSULT TELEPHONED EMBASSY TO EMPHASIZE THE TIME ELEMENT. ACCORDING ITALCONSULT, TEER WAS LATE IN SUBMITTING REQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS FOR TWO EARLIER SECTIONS OF THE SAME SUDAN ROAD PROJECT AND FOR THAT REASON WAS NOT ALLOWED TO BID ON THEM. MOREOVER THE DEADLINE FOR PREQUALIFICATION FOR THE GEDAREF-KASSALA ROAD PASSED IN EARLY JUNE. NONETHELESS ITALCONSULT WILLING QUALIFY TEER FOR THIS PROJECT, BUT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. TEER SHOULD BE URGED TO SUBMIT ITS QUALIFICATIONS TO ITALCONSULT WITHOUT DELAY, OTHERWISE TEER MAY FAIL AGAIN TO QUALIFY BECAUSE OF TARDY SUBMISSION OF QUALIFICATIONS.

2. FOR ITS OWN BACKGROUND, TEER SHOULD REFER TO THE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN TEER AND ITALCONSULT FOR EARLIER TWO SUDAN ROAD PROJECTS.

3. EMBASSY WISHES ONCE AGAIN EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF USING TELEX FOR CORRESPONDENCE AND AIR FREIGHT FOR DOCUMENTS. ITALIAN MAIL DELAYS OF TWO MONTHS ARE NOT UNCOMMON.VOLPE

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